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RE: Application No. 10/693,741

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Applicant: Larry J. Rhoten

For: ROULETTE GAME RANDOM BALL RELEASE

PETITION TO COMMISSIONER
UNDER TITLE 37 C.F.R. 1.181

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Sir:

In connection with the filing of this application there was a possible error made in the attorney's office, and if so, it needs to be corrected.

Before signing the application as originally prepared, the Applicant specifically requested a revision of paragraph 0002 relating to "Field of the Invention". The Applicant requested the addition of 14 words to that paragraph. A revised page 2 was accordingly prepared by the attorney's office. Paragraph 2 was revised only to the extent of including the requested additional wordage in paragraph 0002. A copy of page 2 as thus revised was then submitted to Applicant before he signed the application.

A copy of the revised page 2 including the additional wordage in paragraph 0002 is enclosed herewith. Please substitute this page for the original page 2 of the application if, in fact, the unrevised page 2 had been submitted in the application.

Please charge the petition fee to deposit account 012226 of the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully,

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PRIORITY CLAIM

(0001). I claim priority of my three United States Provisional Applications Serial No. 60\484990 filed July 3, 2003; Serial No. 60\495641 filed August 15, 2003; and Serial No. 60\502456 filed September 11, 2003.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

(0002). This invention relates to improvements in gaming devices, and particularly to the game of roulette table games or video simulations thereof in coin operation gaming devices or Internet gaming.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(0003). In the game of roulette, which is played at many gaming houses in the United States and elsewhere, a dealer employed by the gaming house releases a ball which then travels around the periphery of a rotating wheel having circumferentially arranged pockets, until the ball finally stops in a particular pocket. The stopping place of the ball, and a number associated with that stopping place, determines whether particular players have won or lost on their bets, and whether the house has won or lost.

(0004). Although it is perhaps a groundless concern, some players worry that the dealer, because of greater familiarity with the apparatus and its mode of operation, may be able to cause the ball to stop at a location favorable to the house but which will cause the players to lose.

(0005). Many players may therefore wish for a procedure that would ensure that the dealer cannot and has not "rigged" the play.